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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed October 28, 1999,
please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (Four Times Amended) A prosthesis for insertion into a body passage comprising an annular [resilient element] spring and a flexible, tubular graft attached to said [element] spring, wherein said graft includes a pair of opposed ends, one of said ends of said graft being more resilient than the other of said ends of said graft.

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Twice Amended) The prosthesis of claim 12 wherein said [element] spring has a circular cross-section when undeformed, and said [element] spring is formed by a plurality of circularly oriented wire strands formed of a resilient metal,

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